## **HOUSE BILL 1119**

By Carr

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57, Chapter 3, relative to electronic storage of documents by wineries.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-207, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

- (1) Notwithstanding another law to the contrary, a winery or farm wine producer in this state may electronically store all documentation and paperwork required to be maintained by the commission. The commission shall accept an electronic copy of documents and paperwork for purposes of an inspection of the licensee or permittee or verification of compliance with this chapter. If a licensee or permittee stores documentation or paperwork electronically, all information necessary to verify the validity of the license, permit, document, or other paperwork must be legible and verifiable in the electronic copy.
- (2) Notwithstanding § 57-3-213, wineries and farm wine producers that hold two (2) or more licenses or permits issued under this chapter that require yearly renewal, regardless of type, may choose the expiration date for the licenses and permits as long as the expiration date chosen is less than twelve (12) months from the date the license or permit is issued or renewed. The license fee for the license or permit issued for less than twelve (12) months must be prorated according to the duration of the license.

SECTION 2. Section 1(1) takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it. Section 1(2) takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.